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REQUESTING FUNDS FOR FREEWAY

This is part of the delegation which appeared before the State Highway Commission in Sacramento this week requesting allocation of funds to complete the next section of the Harbor Freeway. From left: Joe Goss, field deputy to Los Angeles City Councilman John S. Gibson, Jr.; F. Marty Reid, manager, El Segundo chamber of commerce; Douglas H. Mainard, manager, San Pedro chamber of commerce; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Assemblyman Clayton A. Dills, 67th district; Dick Fitzgerald, manager Torrance chamber of commerce; A. E. Thompson, president, Torrance chamber of commerce, and Keith Ackman, manager, Redondo Beach chamber of commerce.

... (continuation of the delegation list) ...

Hopes High For Freeway, Says Hahn

A strong request for allocations of funds for the completion of the next link of the Harbor freeway was made before the State Highway Commission in Sacramento last week, and from all indications, optimism was being expressed on the outcome.

Led by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, a large delegation of officials and civic leaders of the southwest and bay cities area, asked the State Highway Commission for immediate allocation of funds to complete the Harbor freeway to 190th st.

Torrance was well represented in the delegation by Councilman Nick Drale, who is also chairman of the San Diego freeway committee.

Drale and Hahn presented the case and were able to show the need for freeway development in the southwest area. Hahn pointed out, "The plans are done, right of way secured, and this very important project can go to contract, as soon as the State Highway Commission makes the money available."

Earlier in the week, Supervisor Hahn appeared to be the loser in his attempt to have the county ask the state for funds at the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Openly opposed to the request was Supervisor Burton Chace, who successfully led the opposition to Hahn's motion. The county should not ask that the Harbor freeway be given higher priority than the San Diego and Marina freeways or other projects, Chace argued.

Injured Girl Still Critical

Dixie Stien, the 17 year old Torrance girl critically injured in an automobile mishap last week is still reported in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital.

An appeal by the hospital for blood for the victim brought 23 donors.

Miss Stien, daughter of Mrs. Mary Fletcher 1425 Anza, received severe head injuries when the car in which she was riding collided with another vehicle at Anza st., and Del Amo.

IRATE CITIZENS KILL VARIANCE ACTION

One of the largest crowds in recent Torrance history turned out for Tuesday night's Council meeting. And, before the evening was over, some very lively debate went into the record books.

Probably the biggest issue of the evening was the open, and at times heated, discussion on a variance proposal by the Hughes Paint Company to establish a paint store in the heart of a residential district.

The Company was seeking to erect a new \$100,000 paint and wallpaper store between 177th and 178th st., on Crenshaw blvd. However, a parade of irate citizens, all residents in the immediate area, began appealing to the Council to turn down the variance proposal. On various grounds, from being a health and safety hazard to creating a depreciation in property values, the protests were verbally filed for over an hour and forty minutes.

Councilman Robert Jahn, in an attempt to end the debate, made a motion that the recommendation of the City Planning Commission to grant the variance be upheld. (The Commission originally studied the proposal and learned that residents in the area were for the erection of the store.) However, the Council indicated its disapproval of Jahn's motion by failing to second the motion.

Amid applause from the gathering, the Council then flatly turned down the whole variance issue, virtually killing all future attempts to re-zone the area.

Enrollment of Over 21,000 Students Expected Here

Torrance Unified School District reports that an anticipated enrollment of over 21,000 students is expected when school open in September.

Due to replacements, growth, and retirements on the elementary and secondary levels approximately 175 new teaching and administrative personnel have been added. This represents an increase of 127 certified personnel above that required for the 1956-57 school year.

The twenty-two elementary schools added 83 women and 37 men to their staffs. The three high schools added 16 women and 37 men teachers. In total teaching experience the district is 500 years wealthier. Teachers were recruited from all areas of the United States and its territories, but largest percentage came from California. Torrance schools will provide the first teaching experience for over one-third of these new teachers.

Due to long-term planning, the problem of adding new teachers during this school year will not be an important factor. Four schools were completed during last year and it is anticipated that the present staff will be able to absorb the expected growth.

Bids on Shoestring Strip Improvements Received

Full improvement for nine more blocks of streets in the Shoestring Strip area prior to January was declared an almost certainty today by Council President John S. Gibson, who represents the area on the Los Angeles city council.

The councilman said bids already had been received for one project of two blocks, Harvard ave., from 222nd to 224th, and specifications have been completed for three other jobs totaling seven blocks. Bids on all three will be called in October, Gibson stated.

Sidewalks to 223rd St. Improvement of W. Normandie Roadway from Carson st. to 223rd st., is the major project in the area. When complete this will furnish sidewalks all the way to the 223rd st., PE crossing for children attending the 223rd St. school.

In connection with this improvement, Councilman Gibson has obtained public funds to make Normandie ave. improvements, although property owners will be assembled only for one half of the street. The law provides that a railway may be assessed only for two feet of paving near its right of way. The public funds will be used to make up the difference.

Lateral Storm Drain Bids also are expected to be called in October for the construction of a lateral storm drain from 214th st., along the continuation of Halldale ave., to the main slough drain, thus preventing flooding of the slough area. Funds for this drain also will be provided from the Capital Improvement program.

Progress report on all other projects in the area will be submitted by the Councilman at the regular meeting of his local advisory committee at Normandie Playground on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Reports of Asiatic Flu Unfounded

Reports of an outbreak of Asiatic Flu in the Torrance area proved unfounded late yesterday. Several persons indicated, in calls to the Torrance Press, that persons were being admitted to local hospitals for treatment of the malady.

However, a complete check of the area reveals that the reports are completely false. No hospital in the Torrance locale has admitted anyone for Asiatic Flu.

EDITORIAL Don't Let This Be the Last Editorial You'll Read

This might be the last time you'll read an editorial. That is, if you just happen to be one of the statistics which will be compiled over the Labor Day week-end.

It is not our intention to sound melodramatic or repetitious. But a very ominous feeling is always apparent in the news room of newspapers throughout the nation when figures of traffic deaths begin flowing over the news wires.

Even hardened newsmen, seasoned to the rigors of death and destruction can't quite accept as common place, the slaughter which occurs on the highways all over the nation. It is serious, grim news to compile. It's even worse to write about it.

The National Safety Council has made its predictions of the traffic deaths expected for the coming Labor Day holiday. And judging from the past, you can be sure this prediction will hold true to form.

That's why this might be the last editorial you'll read. The figures are high. And the next statistic can be you.

Lomita Council Candidates May File Papers at CofC

Nomination papers for all persons who intend to become candidates for City Council of the proposed new City of Lomita are now available at the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, 213 Lomita blvd., and must be circulated and filed with the County Registrar of Voters on or before 12 o'clock noon, September 5th. It was announced today by Linda H. Chandler, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee for Incorporation.

Special Arrangements Made Normally all candidates would have to go to Los Angeles to pick up their papers and receive personal instructions for their circulation, but to save them this inconvenience Chamber President Werner H. Benson made special arrangements with the Registrar of Voters for their local distribution.

Each candidate will be briefed on the circulation procedure when he picks up his papers at the Chamber, but meanwhile the following general requirements should be of interest to all prospective candidates, according to Chairman Chandler: (1) There is no filing fee or other cost attached to becoming a candidate. (2) All candidates must be registered voters and have resided within the boundaries of the proposed new city one year prior to the election. (3) Each candidate must fill out a "Declaration of Candidacy" and have it sworn to by a notary before his nomination papers can be circulated. (4) Candidates may NOT circulate their own papers, but must appoint "Verification Deputies" to circulate "Sponsor Certificates." (5) Any registered voter living within the boundaries of the proposed new city may be a sponsor, but must sign his name as registered and give his street address and date of signing. (6) Each candidate shall be sponsored by not less than five or more than ten registered voters. (7) Voters may NOT sign nomination papers for more than five different candidates. (8) Any candidate who receives or spends more than (Turn to page 15)

103 Today, Remembers Death of Lincoln

By Gladys Maxwell
President Dwight D. Eisenhower lost a vote in 1956 when relatives, who came to take a 102-year-old woman to the polls decided that she was too delicate to make the trip.

Mrs. Anna Oswald still is bitterly disappointed over this because she has been an Ike fan since she first heard him make a speech long before he was mentioned as a possible presidential candidate. "I told everyone who would listen that there was a man who should be in the White House," she told me, her eyes blazing with interest.

When I asked her if she remembered when she first voted, she said with all the fire and enthusiasm of a 21-year-old, "I voted the minute women were allowed to. I don't remember the year or the candidate, but I certainly remember how important it was."

I went out to interview Mrs. Oswald who is celebrating her 103rd birthday today and was completely charmed by this white haired, erect little lady who remembers seeing her father and brothers leave for the Civil War. She remembers seeing Lincoln's funeral train pass through her home town and describes it with such feeling and emotion that for a moment even you are standing there with her watching the black draped coach move slowly past while the people around you watch quietly with tears rolling uncontrollably down their faces.

"I was 10 years old," she said, "I remember going downstairs and hearing my mother and father say that President Lincoln had been shot. I was terribly upset. I went up to my room and, for the first time in my life, I prayed alone. I prayed that his life would be spared. I could never understand, as a child, why He didn't answer my prayer. I had been so sure that He would hear me."

In 1854, the year Anna Oswald was born, history tells us the Republican party was formed, the hoopskirt was creating as much furor in the fashion world as Dior does today and people were singing, "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair."

Mrs. Oswald is very particular about having her hair curled and manages to comb it herself. "She is delighted with clothes, too," said her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jack Oswald, 4811 Reynolds drive.

She had seven children, five of whom are living. They are Alvin and Arthur Anderson, sons, who reside in Phoenix; daughters, Mrs. Mae Smith, Lakewood, and Mrs. Daisy Rhea, Athol, Iowa, and Jack Oswald, with whom she is making her home.

One of her sons fought in the Spanish-American War and it was through his service that she became a charter member of Theodore Roosevelt Auxiliary No. 5, United Spanish War Veterans of 1816 S. Figueroa st., when she moved to Los Angeles in 1905. She is very proud of being the oldest member of the auxiliary. The other members plan a card shower for her today.

Of course I asked the question every reporter asks, to what did she owe her long life? Her son, Jack Oswald, answered for her, "She always says she owes it to her faith in God."

When I arrived for the interview, Mrs. Oswald was sitting (Turn to page 15)



Mary Lee Boswell Resigns

3RD RECREATION MEMBER QUILTS

Although the City Council continues to brush over the matter lightly, the Torrance Press learned exclusively last night that a third member of the Recreation Commission has submitted her resignation.

Shortage Of Doctors Revealed

Improvement of emergency clinic services at Harbor General hospital during late night and early morning hours for treatment of automobile and other accident victims was called for today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The need for improvement of the Harbor Area facilities was brought out during a general discussion before the Board of Supervisors of recent criticism of over-crowded conditions at General hospital in Los Angeles.

"My remarks concerning emergency facilities at Harbor General hospital should in no way be interpreted as criticism of our very able Superintendent of Charities, Mr. William A. Barr or the manager of Harbor General hospital, Mr. Alfred Thomas," Chace said.

Barr told the board that delays in the treatment of critical accident cases at the Torrance facility during recent months is largely due to the lack of doctors to work during the so-called "graveyard shift."

Chace pointed to several recent cases wherein accident victims were forced to wait for "unreasonable periods of time" because the only available doctor was already performing emergency surgery.

The Supervisors called on the Los Angeles County Medical association and a committee of lay people for assistance in solving the recruitment problem and study of the over-crowded conditions at the General hospital.

Ad Runs One Time, Car Sold!

"We tried for four months to sell this car and only did so when we advertised in your paper," said Mrs. Delores Moore of 4706 Torrance Blvd. "And to top it off, we sold it the first time the ad ran," she added.

The car Mrs. Moore was attempting to sell was a '50 Olds mobile, in excellent condition, for \$495. A fine buy for any one. Which just goes to prove once again, that real buys, and effective advertising are hall marks of the Torrance Press. Have you anything you want to sell?



MRS. OSWALT IS 103 TODAY

Mrs. Anna Oswald, 4812 Reynolds Drive, is 103 years old today. She is holding a greeting card from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, which she received on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Oswald remembers seeing her father and brothers leave home to fight in the civil war, and also remembers the death of President Abraham Lincoln. She is still vitally interested in politics.—Press Photo